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U.S. NAVY IN SAIGON



A French naval sloop stands guard on Saigon waterfront with the U.S. destroyer Stickle in the background. The USS Stickle arrived with the destroyer Anderson, recently paid a five-day visit designed to show American interest in South East Asia, and as a gesture of support for Bao Dai's Vietnamese Government. (AP Photo).

KMT guerillas active on Indo-China border

From a French outpost on the North Indo-China border, March 26.
A well-organised force of Nationalist Chinese guerillas today effectively harassed the Chinese Communist troops holding the frontier along this Eastern sector of the Indo-China border.

A well-organised force of 3,000 guerillas attacked an estimated 5,000 Communists in the vicinity of this post.

The area is just East of the point where the provincial borders of Kwangsi and Kwangtung intersect on the mountainous Indo-China frontier.

The guerilla force is led by General Li On-way, who commanded the Nationalist regulars in the same zone now occupied by the Chinese Communists before last December's Communist takeover.

He is said to be in radio contact with Nationalist headquarters on Taiwan and aeroplanes from Hainan it is reported, have dropped supplies to him.

The situation in his area is similar in most respects to that in many other parts of Red China where the Communists are plagued by guerillas.

Reliable information reaching this French outpost, which is only 400 yards from the Communist-garrisoned town of Ayl Diem, furnished a graphic picture of guerilla warfare.

Determined to resist
General Li told French officers last November of his determination to resist the Communists, should they take the frontier zone.

He had made early preparations for guerilla warfare, and the tactics he is employing today are those which the Red guerillas used against his own troops.

The General is no longer accepting recruits for his striking force. Weapons including some taken from the Reds, are going to self-defence units in villages passing under his control.

General Li has been aided by widespread peasant dissatisfaction with Communist rule. In one case it flared briefly into open revolt against requisitioning.

THE WEATHER
At 0000 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the extensive and deepening depression (centered to the South of Japan, is moving Japan and the adjacent seas, Korea and the Eastern Sea. Slight pressure gradients persist over the China Sea and the Pacific to the SE of Luzon.

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Gunmen make escape after Central District hold-up RUNNING GUN BATTLE

Three armed robbers blazed their way to freedom shooting down three police constables after a successful lightning raid on a Chinese transportation firm in 306 Des Voeux Road Central, shortly after 3.30 p.m. yesterday.

The robbers bagged a loot of not more than \$3,000 but the robbery is marked as the most sensational since the Chase Bank hold-up by five men on January 9.

Two Chinese hawkers—one a woman—were injured in the police-robbers gun duel which ensued along Peel Street and Gage Street when the robbers opened fire after sighting a constable on duty. The alarm meanwhile had been raised.

It could not be ascertained from where the robbers fled as they were caught in the middle of the gun fight. Police sources contacted, stated that the engagement between the police and the robbers lasted "but a matter of minutes."

The police injured were not serious, the source added. One was discharged from hospital after receiving medical attention. The other two—one of them with three bullet wounds—were detained in hospital.

The police said that they did not know anything of the robbers and had no clue to work on. They declined to connect yesterday's robbery with previous cases. The other known daylight armed robbery in the Central district recently was on January 5, when two men robbed the Lien Fong Import and Export Company of 131 Des Voeux Road. The robbers then also made their getaway.

Raid carried out efficiently
It was reported that the robbers at 306 Des Voeux Road—Kwok Leng Transportation Company—yesterday had expected a more substantial loot. The raid was described as a quick one and carried out with efficiency.

The armed men entered the firm together, one of them maintaining at the entrance while the other two herded the firm's staff into the kitchen. The intruders forced one of the people to reveal where the cash was kept. Taking the \$3,000 the robbers made off but secured the kitchen door before doing so.

The alarm was soon raised, however, and the robbers had reached Peel Street when the constable appeared and the firing began. A police radio car arrived on the scene followed soon by a posse of police of the Emergency Unit. Two Shantung constables were injured from this posse.

Gun battle clears streets
The short but furious gun battle cleared the streets of pedestrians. The busy area on a Sunday afternoon had hampered the police in their dealing with the robbers, one informant stated.

An eye witness described the robbery as a "deadly accurate" to which the three wounded constable in the short gun fight bears testimony. The police confirmed that the robbers suffered no casualty.

Following up the robbery, the police set going a large scale dragnet all around the island yesterday. Kowloon was also alerted. Police searching parties were stationed along the waterfront and other positions giving access to the sea. But up to late last night, no arrest had been made.

Sealing of Eng Aun Tong by Canton Reds
In a statement to the Press yesterday, Mr. Av Hoo, General Manager of the Eng Aun Tong confirmed the sealing of the firm's building in Canton and the arrest of three employees by the Communist authorities there.

The branch was established in Canton after the war, Mr. Av Hoo stated, and had branches of medicine to supply the five branches maintained in various cities in China.

The statement went on: "When the Canton Municipal Government ordered the Canton branch of Eng Aun Tong to pay \$1,000,000 (Jeh Min Piao) of profit tax, \$200,000,000 (then worth HK\$30,000) derived from the sales was immediately paid."

It was proposed, that the balance amount of \$800,000,000 be paid in instalments with proceeds of sales of the rest of the medicines. But the Canton Municipal government ordered the building sealed."

With regard to the Victory Bonds, Mr. Av Hoo stated that his father, Mr. Av Boon Hoo, had anticipated the Canton branch to be short of funds to meet any demands and had therefore written several months ago, to Mayor Yeh Chien-ying to discuss the subject. "There was no reply," he said.

The Mayor, Mr. Yeh, wrote again and up to now, there is still no response," Mr. Av stated. "and the Canton Municipal Government charge that Eng Aun Tong had failed to send representatives to discuss the bonds."

Mr. Av continued to say that since October, when Canton was occupied by the Communists, the Eng Aun Tong building had been requisitioned by the military authorities who occupied all the rooms with the exception of the ground floor. "They have been using the ground floor as a warehouse for the military."

Mr. Av stated that the firm's assets, including the Victory Bonds, were sealed by the Communist authorities in Canton.

Malayan Reds kill 21 Gov't troops, police

Singapore, March 26.
The Malayan Government today announced that Communist guerrillas had killed 21 Government troops and police in an ambush.

The communiqué said that 11 other members of the Government security forces were missing and four were wounded.

Five bandits were known to have been killed into a four-hour battle in North Malaya, the announcement said.

According to the communiqué, a band of 250 guerrillas attacked the Government forces—troops from the Regiment of Malaya and police jungle squad—when they were returning from a patrol. —Associated Press.

ss. Empire Orwell arrives

A Japanese war criminal, Lieutenant-General Nishimura Takuma, arrived in Hong Kong on board the ss. Empire Orwell yesterday afternoon.

British military police immediately boarded the troopship which has more than 1,000 replacements for the Hong Kong garrison, and took the General off.

Takuma was the first passenger off the ship, he was handcuffed on each wrist to a British MP.

The crowd of more than 300 British officers, men and Chinese workmen on the wharf watched the former General, come down the gangplank, and walk over to a police launch.

One English-speaking Chinese said: "He doesn't look so big now, does he?"

He will be in a Hong Kong jail while waiting transport to Japan.

British officers refused to allow press reporters on the Empire Orwell, claiming that press passes were not sufficient.

Efforts of reporters to contact proper officers to get permission to board the ship failed.

It is believed that families of several hundred servicemen were on the ship.

The King's Shropshire Light Infantry Band and Bugles played marches at the dock, while the ship was mooring.

Seven killed in U.S. air crash

Mesa, Arizona, March 25.
Seven North American Aviation Company representatives were killed today when a converted B-25 bomber exploded and "scattered in a shower of metal" while attempting an emergency landing in a driving rainstorm.

The civilian-operated plane on route from El Paso, Texas, to Los Angeles exploded in low hanging clouds as the pilot apparently attempted to set down on a heavily travelled highway six miles South of Mesa.

Four bodies were recovered in the shattered fuselage. Three others were found several hundred yards away. A briefcase carried by one of the men was found a mile and a half from the main wreckage. —United Press.

RAF Sunderland explodes near Singapore

Singapore, March 26.
A North Atlantic Frigate Sunderland flying boat exploded in the straits between Singapore and Malacca today, two days after it was damaged by a Japanese submarine.

Rotarians attend District Conference



Rotarians attending the District Conference of District 47 Rotary International posed for this group picture outside the Peninsula Hotel at the close of their two-day conference yesterday. ('China Mail' photo).

Rotary Clubs in Red China still functioning normally

Rotary Clubs in the large cities of China are still functioning normally, although in the small cities most of them have been closed.

This was the report made by out-going District Governor Rotarian G. E. Marden at the closing session of the two-day District Conference of District 57 Rotary International held at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday.

In no case, reported Mr. Marden, has a Rotary Club been banned by the Communist authorities in China.

The closure of some clubs in the small cities were mostly due firstly to the falling off of members who have left for distant parts, and secondly due to the Communist regulations for the registration of clubs and associations.

Mr. Marden said that some clubs temporarily ceased functioning pending registration, while others closed because they interpreted the word "activity" in the regulations as including meetings. He added that there was no actual prohibition of Rotary meetings, or was there disciplinary action taken against them.

Rotary Clubs in Shanghai, Peking, Tientsin, Nanking and Swatow are still meeting, he said, adding that in many cases, Communist authorities know a great deal about Rotary and he hoped that in the future they will show sympathetic understanding towards them.

Dr. Pedro Lobato, President of the Macao Rotary Club, was unanimously nominated the new District Governor. His election to the post is expected to be confirmed by the District Rotary International Conference in July.

In a message of greetings to the conference, Mr. Percy Hodgson, President, Rotary International, called the Rotarians' attention to the need for a betterment of human relations.

"Only as we improve our Rotary knowledge can we be fully effective in our service to Rotary and our fellowmen," said the message. "If the human race is to survive, good must ultimately prevail over evil, and Rotary can do its part in making the world not only a place in which to live but rather a place in which to live and help others to live."

Service and responsibilities toward one's fellowmen were the keynotes of yesterday's speeches.

Rotarian J. O. McDouall, speaking on the subject "A Rotarian's Responsibilities to His Community," said that the acceptance of Rotary Club membership indicates the acceptance of the ideals of Rotary, the general obligation to promote those ideals in all business, social and civic contacts, and in addition four special obligations.

Dealing with the third of these obligations—that every Rotarian has undertaken to do his share, as a neighbour and as a citizen, to

far from the truth Rotarians have not taken that third obligation to have not merely subscribed to a worthy sentiment; I venture to suggest that whether we like it or not we have to put ourselves into an extremely serious position.

"On the one hand we could just pay lip service to that obligation and on the whole take little trouble to do much about it in practice. But I think that you

would agree that any Rotarians who descended to that would at best be of little credit to his club, would run the risk of inviting the biting criticism that he had simply joined Rotary for what he can get out of it, and would certainly brand himself before his fellow members as a barefaced hypocrite.

"The alternative is of course to set about carrying out our third obligation properly. That means not only a great deal of hard work, but a great deal of hard thinking first, and I can assure you that none of you can be more astonished than I am at my impudence in agreeing to give this talk, especially as there are so many Rotarians who carry out their third obligation so much better than I can ever hope to."

Mr. McDouall went on to define in detail the meanings in the key words of the third obligation. He summarised:

"A better place in which to live, means in which to live and not merely to exist; it means a place in which every member of the community can enjoy as full a life as may be possible from youth to old age. Now material comforts, physical well-being, proper education, and adequate recreational and cultural facilities cannot and will not by themselves ensure—a full life for anyone; nevertheless their absence most certainly makes it far harder for us or our neighbours to win or maintain a full life."

"One of the Rotarians' clearest responsibilities to his community is therefore, to do his share as a neighbour and a citizen by promoting as far as possible his neighbour's comfort, his neighbour's health, his neighbour's chances of education, and his neighbour's opportunities for recreation and wider cultural interests."

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The Trade of China.

Excepting from one article taken from "The Times," on the trade of China—showing that the total imports into Canton in British ships amounted to more than £5,000,000, including woollen and cotton piece goods, clocks, watches, telescopes, dressing-cases, iron-money, perfumery, glassware, silver and gold ornaments, wine, beer and spirits, Indian cotton cloth, cochineal, elephants' teeth, skins, furs, soap and sandal wood. Of the 310 ships which visited Canton, 218 were British and 92 American. Exports from Canton amounted to £5,000,000, including tea, raw produce, and manufactured articles such as furniture, bamboo ware, bone, china, glass, and ivory ware, mother of pearl, tortoiseshell ware, mats, cotton cloth, paper of all sorts, preserves, rattan work, silk and silver manufactures, sugar candy and vermillion. There was also a long list of miscellaneous articles.

"Our trade with the port of Canton has had to cope with serious difficulties, arising from stagnation of business, failures of credit, and distress; but principally from the undervalued value of our commodities exchanged." United Nations be devised to increase consumption of tea, by a reduction of the enormous duty on some other means, it is very doubtful whether we shall be able to extend our commercial transactions with China beyond their present limits."

Anchorage at Whampoa.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixty-First Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Chung Tin Building, First Floor, 5 Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 28th March, 1950, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1949, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 14th March, 1950, until Tuesday, 28th March, 1950, both days inclusive.

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General Managers
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventy-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Undersigned on Thursday, March 30, 1950, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1949.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from March 18 to March 30, 1950, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, March 9, 1950.

NOTICE

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AND NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that the Register and transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd to the 31st day of March 1950 both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 18, 1950

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that SVRA ASTRID OLSSON 8 Village Road is applying to the Governor for naturalisation and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Colonial Secretariat, Hong Kong.

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A. W. HAY-EDIE
Local Chairman
FAR EASTERN FREIGHT CONFERENCE

Hong Kong, March 25, 1950.

HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Members of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce are reminded that the Annual General Meeting of the Chamber will be held in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel on:

MONDAY, 27th, MARCH, 1950.

J. B. KITE,
Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Easter Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 8th and Monday, 10th April, 1950, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shek Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 30th March, 1950.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

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C. P. BASTO,
Bowls Convenor.

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(Reconstruction of Records)

NOTICE is hereby given that the above company has applied to the Registrar of Companies for leave to reconstruct its register of shareholders under Section 12 (1) of the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance, 1947. The Statutory Declaration in support may be inspected at the Company's Registered Office, No. 40, Hankow Road, Second Floor, Kowloon, or at the Office of the Registrar of Companies on payment of the prescribed fee.

All persons who claim to be shareholders but whose names do not appear in paragraph 7 of the Statutory Declaration above referred to are required to notify the Company of their full names, addresses, their claim and the evidence upon which it is based within three months from the 27th day of March, 1950.

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RED MOB
ATTACKS
BARRACKS

San Severo, Italy, March 25.
A Communist mob attacked a Carabinieri barracks at Ascoli Satriano today in a vain attempt to free more than 200 of their comrades detained there.

Police reinforcements were rushed to the scene and the mob dispersed. No casualties were reported.

The Communists were arrested after bloody clashes with police here on Thursday and removed to Ascoli Satriano, some 60 miles away, as a precaution against further disorders.

A bystander wounded during the clash died in a hospital here today. Scores of others were injured, four seriously.

Police said that a false rumour circulated here on Friday night that a Communist mob was storming San Severo's hospital to free their wounded comrades from detention. Police fired warning shots in the air for some 30 minutes, but no mob appeared. Associated Press.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"So you were just passing when the suction of the exploding safe drew you right into the store, eh?"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE
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ECONOMY IS ESSENTIAL

WHEN you are not rich, you must make the most efficient use possible of what meagre resources you possess. That is often the case when a declarer has not too many trumps. Instead of trump leads, which use two trumps at a time, he may find it imperative to employ them one at a time for ruffing. Skillful application of such tactics constitutes one of the reasons why superlative players do a so much better job than the general run on low contracts, with the strength almost evenly divided.

Winning with the A, he ruffed the club 3 with the spade 4, led the diamond 4 to the K, and ruffed the club 6 with the spade 6. The heart 2 came to the A and he led the club 8, ruffing with the spade 8 and East overruffing with the 10. The diamond Q came back to the A, and the heart J was led to the Q. West returned the heart K. East discarded a diamond and the spade 7 ruffing. The club 9 was ruffed by East's spade 2, then the diamond J return by the spade 9 and K. The spade A and Q were good for the last two tricks. Mr. Lincoln had managed to put his seven trumps on seven different tricks, winning five of them, also three side aces and a king to score an extra trick.

Tomorrow's Problem
S 8 2
H K 10 7 2
D K J 10 6 4
C 4 2
S 7 5 4
H Q J 10
D 7 5
C K J 9 7 3
S A K Q J 10
H 6 5 4
D Q 9 2
C 8 8
(Dealer: North, North-South vulnerable).

Now should South play at 4? Spades doubled is the heart Q. K and A, then the 3 to the J. Mr. Hazer when he saw the club brings a switch to the spade 4.

That's a typical example of the fierce competition among the masters in the big championships at match play, in which one deal produces the same number of total match points as another.

Charles H. Goren in the North and Lee Hazer in the South strained every fibre to pull out a good score on the hand.

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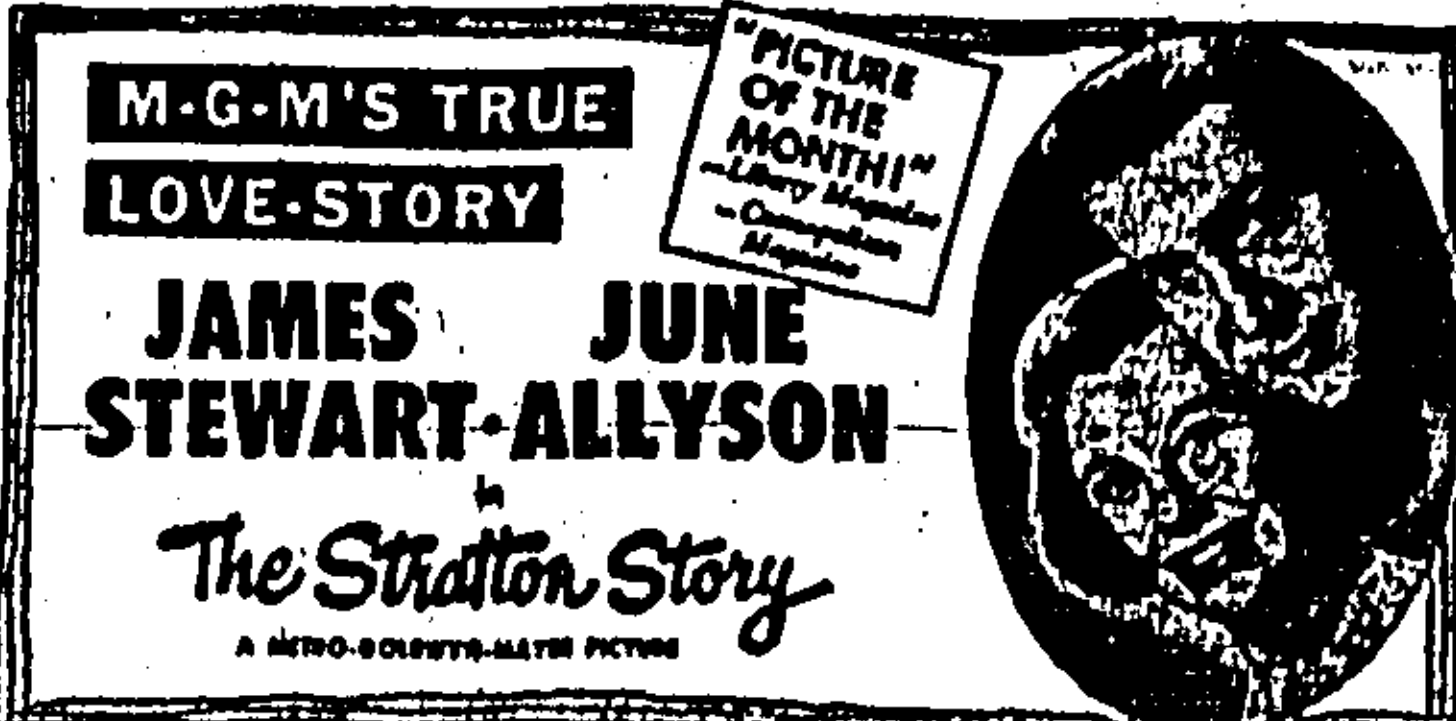
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Another Belgian to try

Brussels, March 25. The Belgian Prince Regent, Charles, tonight invited M. Albert Devezze, Liberal Defence Minister in the last Government, to form a new Cabinet.

M. Devezze agreed to try to form a Cabinet.

Belgium, in the throes of a crisis over King Leopold's return, has been without a government since the Liberal-Catholic coalition under M. Gaston Eyskens resigned a week ago.

It was learned on good authority that M. Devezze would try to form a Catholic-Liberal-Socialist coalition which would bring King Leopold back to the throne, only to abdicate after a few months in favour of his son, 19-year-old Prince Baudouin.

M. Devezze is the third statesman to accept a "mission of information" to try and form a government. Two Catholics have failed—the former Premier, M. Eyskens, and 80-year-old Count Henri Carton de Wiart.

The Social Christian (Catholic) Party, which unreservedly backs the King's return, announced earlier tonight that it was ready to form a single Party government.

The Catholics hold an overall majority in the Senate but are two votes short of a majority in the Chamber of Deputies.

Dissolution

A Catholic spokesman said that if an all-Catholic Government failed to get Parliamentary support they would favour a dissolution of Parliament and new elections.

M. Franz Van Cauwenhert, President of the Chamber of Deputies, and prominent leader of the Catholic Party said tonight that his Party was ready to take its responsibility and form an all-Catholic government.

An official communiqué later tonight stated that the present caretaker Premier, M. Eyskens, and M. Devezze had conferred with Prince Charles at the Brussels Royal Palace.

The Catholics moved followed a meeting today of the Party's Executive Committee, representatives of its Members of Parliament and Provincial leaders.

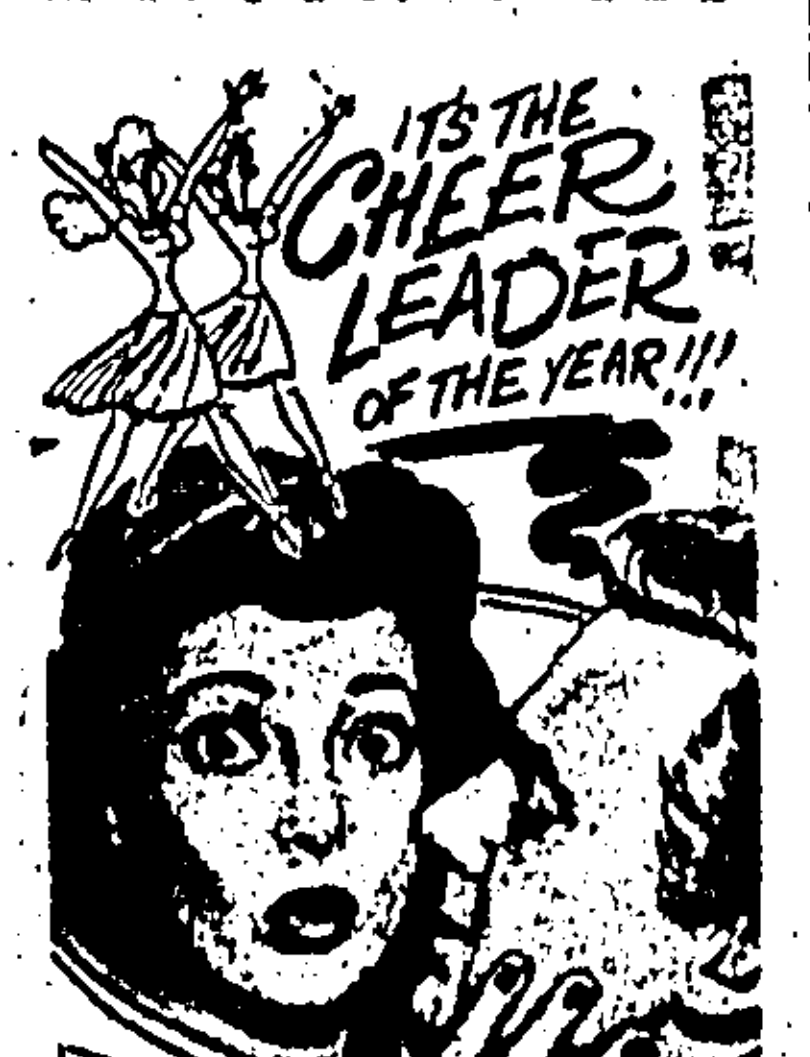
A statement issued afterwards said that the Party reaffirmed its "unyielding will to ensure by all legal means available and in the shortest time the resumption by the King of his constitutional powers according to which expressed in the referendum of March 12 by the undisputed majority of the Belgian people."

The proposed all-Catholic government would call a joint session of the two Houses of Parliament to decide the King's future, the statement indicated.—Reuter.

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The fourth of six articles on:

The Chinese Revolution

The last article described how Chiang Kai-shek became master of China but never subdued the Chinese Communists.

The Kuomintang ruled China for over 20 years—from 1927 until last year. The type of Government which they set up was a very curious one. It was a kind of Fascism before Fascism was heard of in the West. It is always the present century the Chinese have borrowed from their political institutions from the West. This is not altogether true. However undesirable the Kuomintang's system may have been it was an original invention by China.

The Kuomintang Government was a party dictatorship. The Kuomintang always placed that eventually China was to have a fully democratic Government. But for the intervening period it was to be under Kuomintang "tutelage". The Kuomintang itself was a party democratic body. But it was ruled by cliques and by the Army. Each clique stood for a different idea. No clique was strong enough to prevail over the others. Chiang Kai-shek, as Party Leader, kept his power by balancing the cliques and playing one off against the other.

The Kuomintang tried to build up a modern government. They modernised the law. They modernised the banks and currency. They tried to industrialise China. They established a kind of half-baked Socialism. Outwardly, up to the outbreak of war with Japan in 1937, they seemed to be making headway. Their prestige in the world grew high. But they never dealt with one fatal problem, and this finally overthrew them.

The Peasant

This problem was the condition of the Chinese peasant. Most of South China is cultivated by a peasant class. Not only does each peasant family have a pathetically small farm. It had until recently to pay half or more than half the minimum crop to the landlord as rent. Not far from Hong Kong the size of the average farm was about three-fifths of an acre. The family cultivating this paid 70 per cent of the main crop to the landlord. The result was starvation and there was fierce hatred by the peasants against the landlords.

Sun Yat-sen had planned land reform as one of the main parts of his programme. The peasant was to be given his own land, which was also to be confiscated from the landlord or bought from him at a fairly low price. Formally and officially the Kuomintang approved this programme. But the Kuomintang was in fact very largely in the hands of exactly the landlord class whom it was proposed to dispossess.

The Chinese landlords were not great landlords like the former landlords of Central Europe. They were a very large middle class. From this class came the officials, merchants, army officers, bankers, lawyers, professional men all the men who, because they were Nationalists, supported the Kuomintang. Oddly enough, it was the very rich members of the Party—who were mostly—in favour of land reform. Men like Dr. T. Y. Soong, the famous Finance Minister and brother-in-law of Chiang Kai-shek, were not interested in the petty business of owning land. Their interest lay in big business and they were intelligent enough to see that rural discontent, if not checked, could overthrow the whole system. But, powerful as they were, they were still not strong enough to counter the influence of the cliques which sprang from the small rural landlords. These cliques blocked every move towards land reform. Chiang Kai-shek came

based itself on the bleak and remote town of Chungking as its capital. Life had been hard. At the end of the war the capital was moved back to Nanking. Officials and generals went on a grand spree of dissipation. The Government seemed to lose all power of self-discipline. Perhaps never in modern history has a Government been so corrupt. The public interest was consistently betrayed for private gain. To win a short term gain the Kuomintang leaders dissipated even their own long-term interests. In the pursuit of wealth they threw their prestige recklessly away and made their eventual doom certain. Their armies in the field, infected by the example of their leaders, ceased to fight the Communists, and instead sold to the Communists the guns and ammunition which had been sent to the Kuomintang from America. The Communists had won Manchuria by the autumn of 1948. Nanking fell in April 1949. By the end of the year the Communists had chased the Kuomintang from the mainland. It must be admitted that the achievement of the Communist Party in China has been very extraordinary.

By Windrush

from their class and was sympathetic to them. Even in 1934 the League of Nations Commission warned him solemnly of the danger of not supporting land reform he still set his face against it.

Moral collapse

It was this which in the end ruined him. The grievances of the peasantry were the real artillery of the Communists. From the peasants they could raise endless armies. The Kuomintang "wore itself out" by countless campaigns. In spite of its immense superiority in arms it could not bring the civil war to a close. Then the Kuomintang became involved in war with Japan. For a time the civil wars were suspended and Kuomintang and Communists joined in a coalition. But long before the end of the war the coalition had broken down. War had however strengthened the Communists in the eyes of the country. It had exhausted the Kuomintang morally.

It will be hard for the historian to explain the completeness of this moral collapse of the Kuomintang in the post-war years. During the war it had

W. GERMAN TRADE DILEMMA

Frankfurt, March 25. Western Germany may threaten to turn toward the Communist bloc for trade markets.

Some Western Allied officials believe such a move is imminent as the Germans grapple with their mounting trade deficit with Western Europe and the United States.

They expect the Germans to tell Western Europe to put up or shut out on the issue of free trade—one of the points of the European recovery programme.

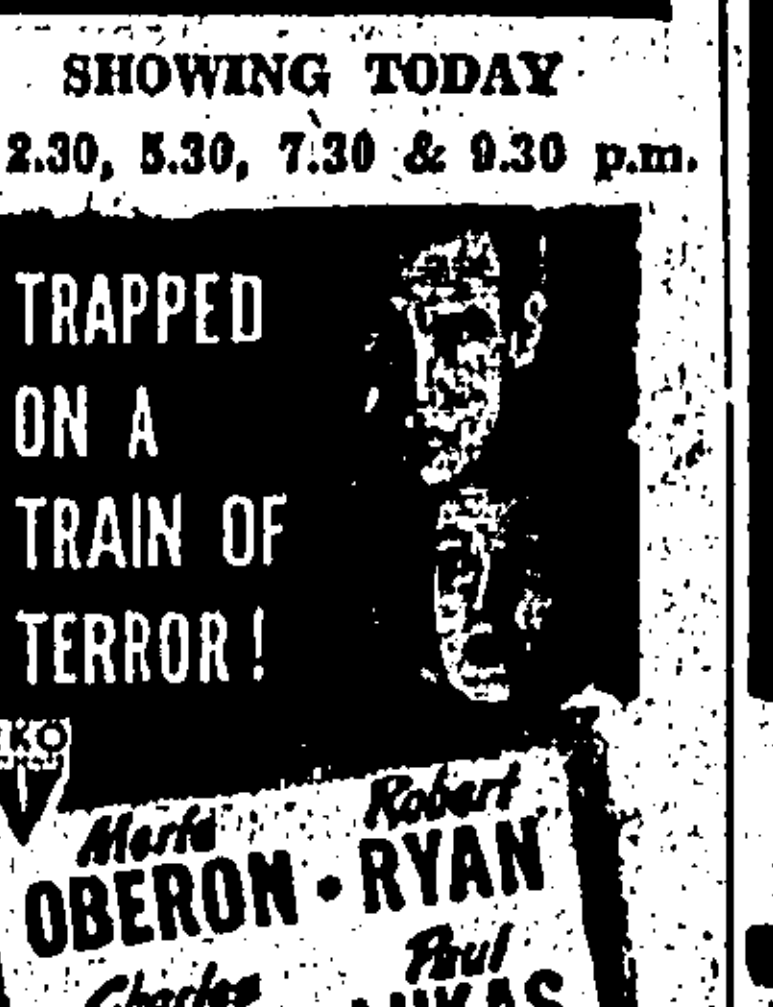
This ultimatum may be published in a memorandum now being drafted by the West German Economic Ministry in Bonn. Allied officials said they understood it will reply to recent Allied complaints about German economic policy.—Associated Press.

BIG FIRE RAZES PART OF TOWN

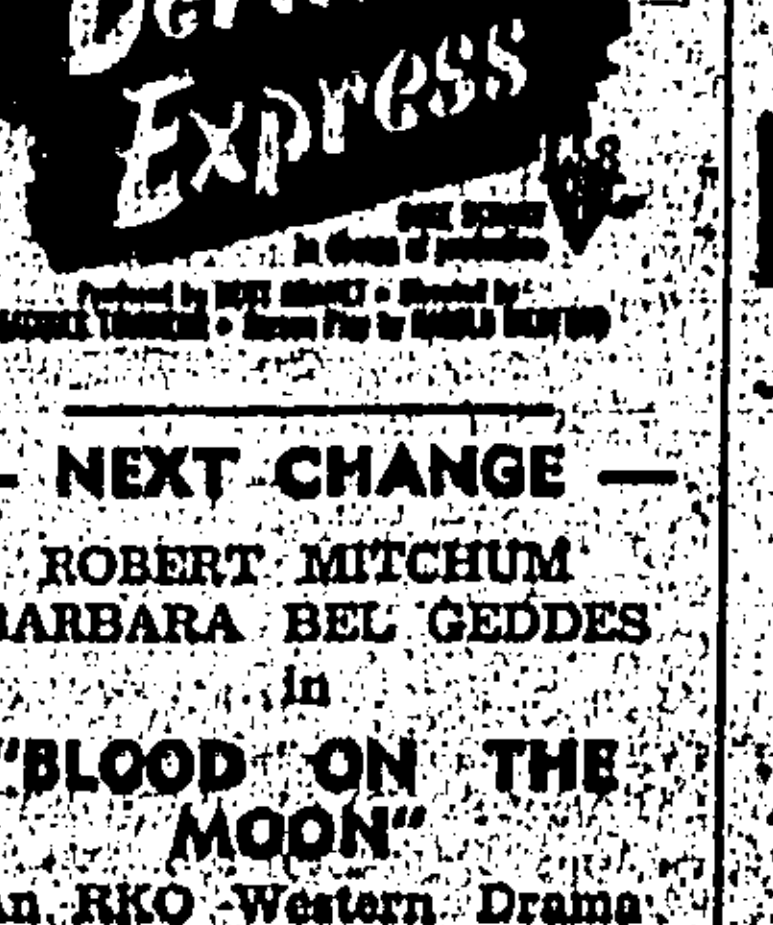
Manila, March 26. Several hundred persons are homeless as a result of a US\$100,000 fire which yesterday razed part of the town of Santa Rosa, about 100 miles North of Manila. One person was reported to be missing in the fire.

It was reported that the fire originated in the kitchen of the local headquarters of the Philippine Constabulary. The headquarters, along with 150 residences, was completely destroyed.—Associated Press.

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Post-war U.S. peace plans published

Washington, March 25. The State Department today published secret tentative post-war peace plans indicating that some top-level American planners had thought the United States and Russia would cooperate in solving post-war problems.

But one document—a 1943 report of a Departmental Planning Committee—forecast that in the event of Big Power friction, Germany would hold a balance of power.

Russia would then be in a position to use the Communists to strengthen Germany, to foment disorders and advance Soviet aims, the report warned.

Listed as one of the peace planners in the 720-page volume was Alger Hiss, whose conviction for perjury last January virtually branded him as having been a Soviet espionage agent while holding a high State Department post.

Also listed was Henry Julian Wadleigh, formerly of the State Department's Trade Agreements Section, who last year admitted passing State Department secrets to a Communist spy ring before the war.

Harley A. Notter, a State Department official who wrote the narrative and had an active part in the planning, told reporters that thought was given during the second World War to the possibility that Russia might not cooperate.

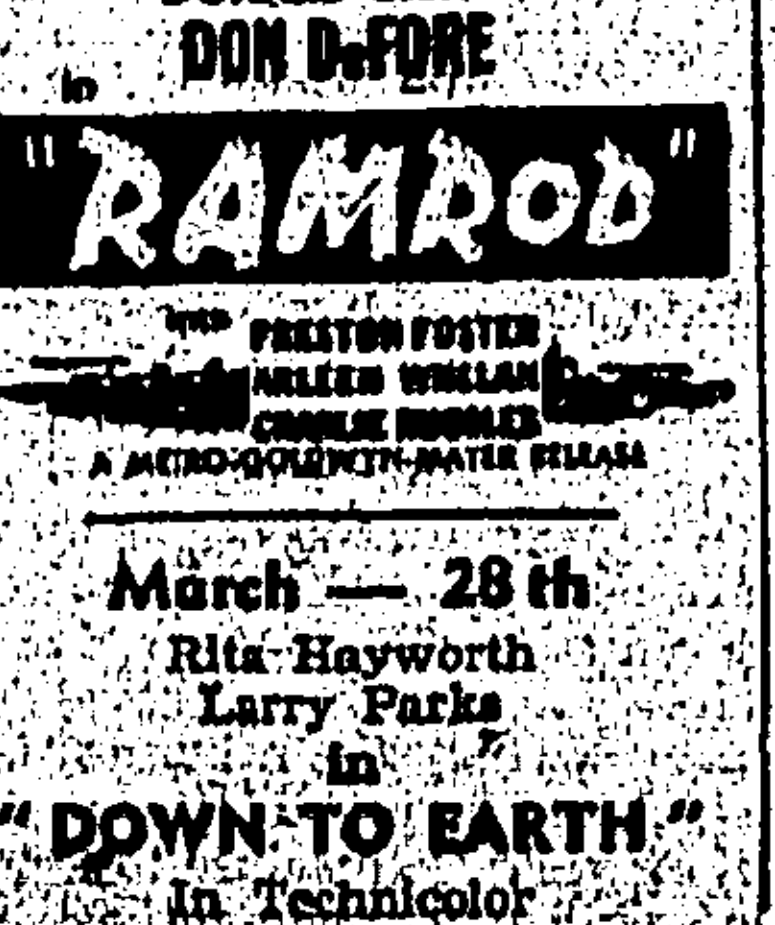
He said papers were prepared on the subject, but only at the working level. Compiled on President Truman's directions, the report on "Post-war Foreign Policy—Preparation" included six preliminary drafts for a United Nations Charter and about 40 other documents recording peace preparations from 1939 onward.—Reuter.

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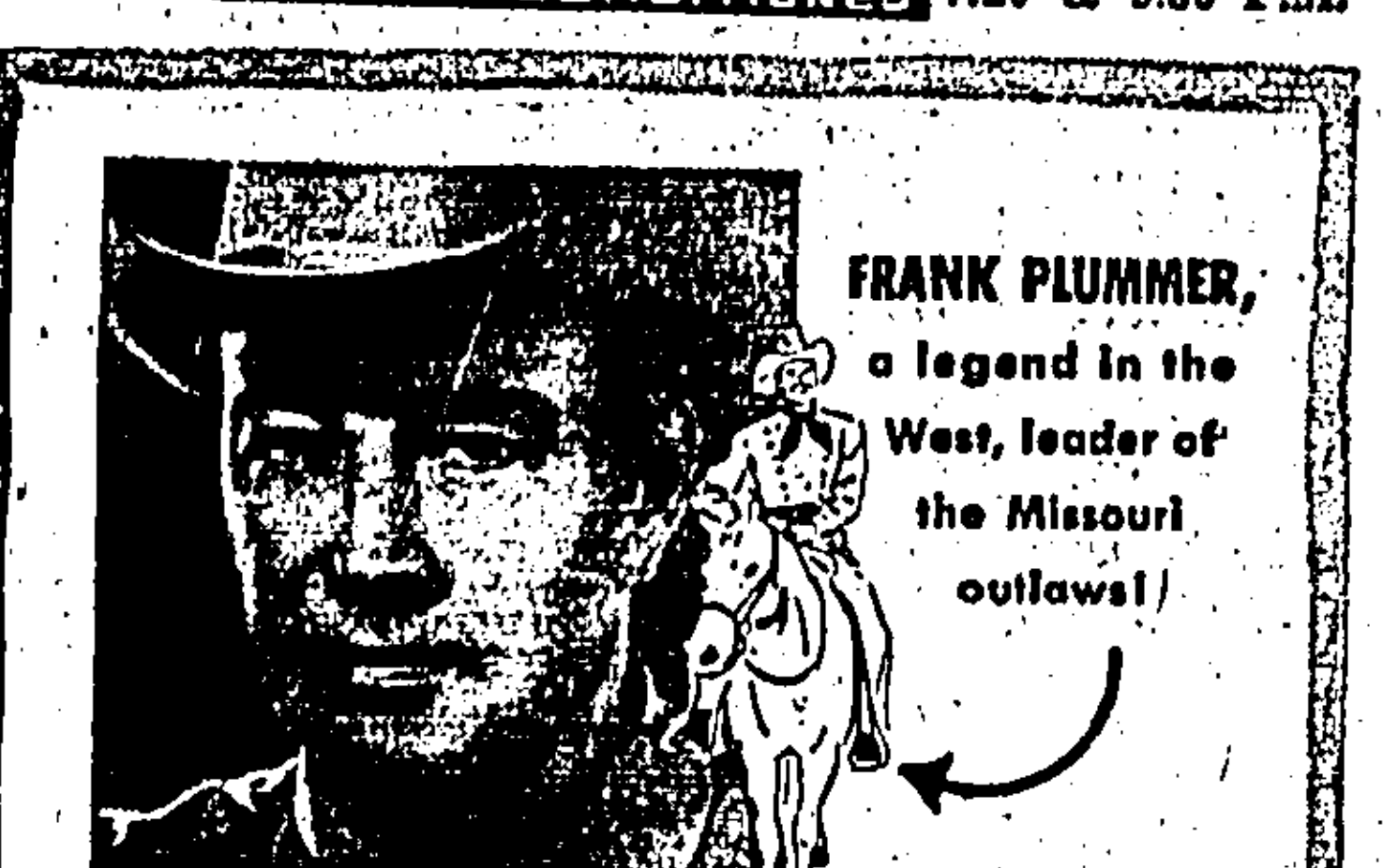
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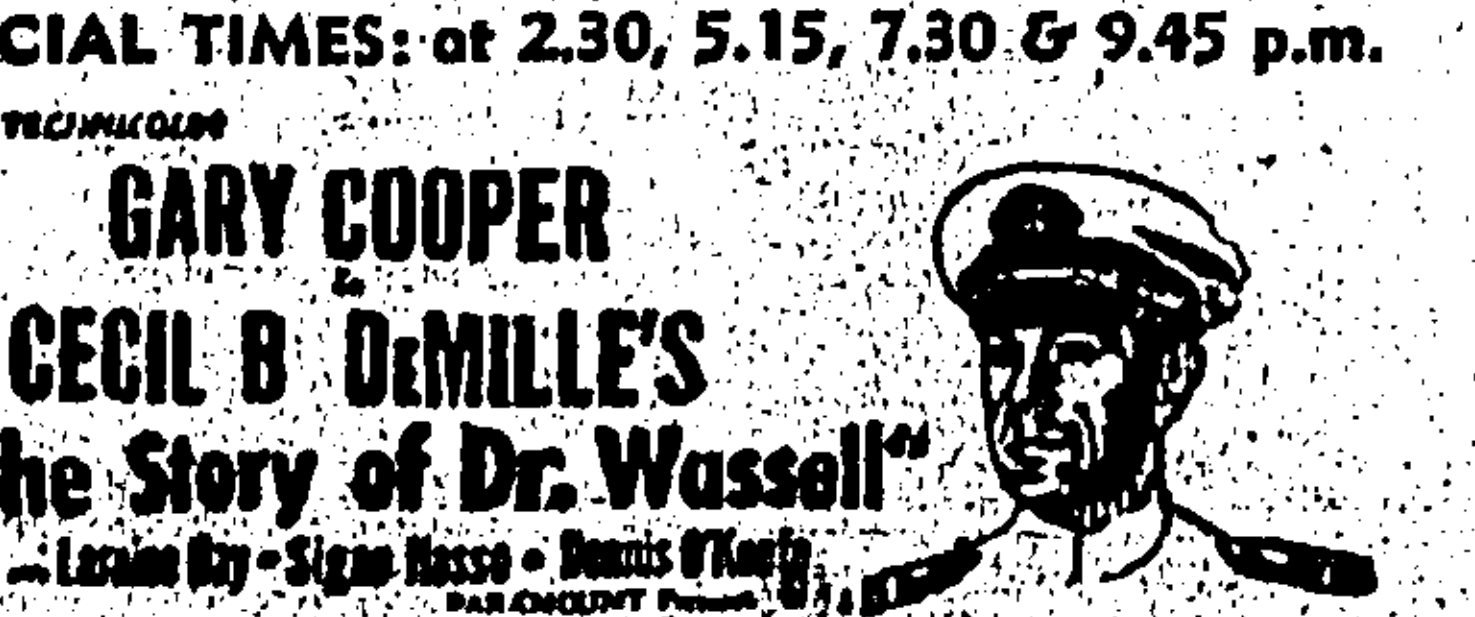
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THE GRAND ALLIANCE
The Atlantic Charter

By Winston Churchill

stituted for "markets," I should be able to refer the text to his Majesty's Government with some hope that they would be able to accept it. The President was obviously impressed. He never pressed the point again.

As regards the generalities of Point 7, I pointed out that while I accepted this text, opinion in England would be disappointed at the absence of any intention to establish an international organization for keeping peace after the war. I promised to try to find a suitable modification, and later in the day I suggested to the President the addition to the second sentence of the words "pending the establishment of a wider and more permanent system of general security."

We then, on the same day, turned to the Far East. The imposition of the economic sanctions on July 20 had caused a shock in Tokyo. It had not perhaps been realised by any of us how powerful they were. Prince Konoye sought at once to renew diploma-

Declaration. I put to the President the Cabinet's revised version of Point 4, but he preferred to adhere to the phrasing already agreed, and I did not press him further on this point. He readily accepted the insertion of the new paragraph about social security desired by the Cabinet. A number of verbal alterations were agreed, and the Declaration was then in its final shape.

Profound importance

The profound and far-reaching importance of this Joint Declaration was apparent. The fact alone of the United States, still technically neutral, joining with a belligerent Power in making such a declaration was astonishing. The inclusion in it of a reference to "the final destruction of the Nazi tyranny" (this was based on a phrase appearing in my original draft) amounted to a challenge which in ordinary times would have implied warlike action.

Finally, not the least striking feature was the realism of the last paragraph, where there was a plain and bold intimation that after the war the United States would join with us in policing the world until the establishment of a better order.

At the end of August, 1941, Mr. Churchill wrote to Stalin offering to supplement the 200 Tomahawk fighters and 400 Hurricanes on their way to Russia by a further 200 Hurricanes. In his letter he expressed his admiration for the fight the Russian armies were making against the Nazis, and outlined the new opportunity for sending supplies overland through Persia.

On the evening of September 4, M. Molotov called to see me to deliver Mr. Stalin's reply. This was the first personal message since July.

Premier Stalin to Prime Minister, September 4, 41.

Personal message from Premier Stalin to Premier Churchill. I express thanks for promise to sell to Soviet Union a further 200 fighters in addition to the 200 previously promised. I do not doubt that the Soviet aviators will succeed in mastering them and putting them into use.

I have, however, to say that these aeroplanes, which apparently cannot be put into use quickly and at once, but at different periods and in separate groups, will be incapable of effecting serious changes on the Eastern front. They will be unable to effect serious changes, not only because of the large scale on which the war is being waged, which necessitates the continuous supply of a large quantity of aeroplanes, but chiefly because the situation of the Soviet forces during the last three weeks has considerably deteriorated in such important areas as the Ukraine and Leningrad.

As a matter of fact, the relative stabilisation at the front which we succeeded in achieving about three weeks ago has broken down during the last week, owing to transfer to Eastern front of 30 to 34 fresh German infantry divisions and of an enormous quantity of tanks and aircraft as well as a large increase in activities of the 20 Finnish and 20 Rumanian divisions.

Germany consider danger in the West a bluff, and are transferring all their forces to the East, with impunity, being convinced that no second front exists in the West, and that none will exist. Germans consider it quite possible to smash their way into the first Russia, then the English.

As a result we have lost more than one-half of the Ukraine, and in addition the enemy is at the gates of Leningrad. These circumstances have resulted in our losing Krivoy Rog iron ore basin and a number of metallurgical works in the Ukraine; we have evacuated one aluminium works on Dnieper river and a further aluminium works at Tikhvin, one motor and two aircraft works in the Ukraine, two motor and two aircraft works at Leningrad; and these works cannot be put into operation in the new localities in less than from seven to eight months. This has weakened our power of defence and faced the Soviet Union with a mortal menace. (The question arises how to emerge from this more than unfavourable situation.)



Wheels within wheels. Chinese travelling in the new regime's trains, sometimes for a fortnight at a time, will be bombarded by loudspeaker music and propaganda.

I don't want to rail too much at our Commo friends, but this does start a train of thought. Fare's fare, I mean. One should guard against too many puffs. While wishing to keep track of all signal developments, and not wanting to be called sleepers, the nation's drivers should keep their policies in separate compartments.

A businessman in Britain makes the wry comment: a profit is not without honour, except in this country.

Said the shop assistant: "It's an educational toy designed to adjust a child to living in the world of today—any way he puts it together is wrong."

Lucky it was M.T. "After the accident with the military vehicle, complainant was taken to hospital, where an X-ray examination of his head showed nothing."

"Shaving soap manufacturers recommend that the fact be washed with soap and water." The fact of the water is...

Men are very much the same. As their old dads, my brothers. But don't you think it is a shame That girls' grow like their mothers?

Every woman marries for love —if it's only love of money.

A correspondent claims he is double-jointed in both elbows. He sounds like nature's reply to the deck-chair.

"Rain's forestall experiment." Just what is a forestall experiment?

And I missed it. "The bride was entrancingly gowned in a sheer, soft blue net gown which fell to the floor as she swept down the aisle."

A former stage star is now a tailor. Still has his name at the top of the bill.

"Careless—motorists don't care how many people they knock down." They don't give a hoot.

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A TIME FOR
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The attempt by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to come to the rescue and take over international policy is as good an interim plan as many with which the world has been bewildered and belaboured lately. It is an excellent idea to have a series of snug, quiet sessions of the Security Council, where the top-flight statesmen can talk peace and possibly even good sense, far from the madding throng. They might go to the extreme of trying a little businesslike bargaining—and get somewhere.

Frankly, a lot of people must be getting weary of the enormous amount of open diplomacy now going on, especially as it never goes anywhere. There must be a refuge somewhere from the Senator from Wisconsin, who has been running around with his tomahawk scalping and terrorising American policy-makers—especially those who, like Dr Owen Latimore, know more about China and the vital areas along the Great Wall than all the Senators put together.

While the Security Councilors talk in whispers among themselves, the technique might also be pursued in regard to the Chinese Communists. A famous lady novelist who has become one of the greatest "experts" on China the Great Republic has ever produced, has offered the suggestion. After pursuing her lips and proclaiming that ideologically it is impossible for the United States to recognise the new regime in Peking now, she "recommended" the maintenance of all possible contacts in China. This should be done, she said, "even if it means risking investments and swallowing pride." The contacts—should—come through business, through missionaries, and through friends in China. Such contacts might be able to provide the democratic leadership for which the Chinese people are looking!

We don't profess to know how the Americans who are staying behind while their Consular officials are withdrawn will relish the broadcast suggestion they should be good democratic fifth columnists. We can guess. And we can guess how shy the Chinese would be too.

There is a certain kind of infatuation which will not leave either well or ill alone. No harm can be done to anybody by arranging a few motherly or brotherly meetings, say, in Hong Kong, to work on the not too sinister secret agents of the ruling regime who may be unearthed here or on other fringes of the far from promised land. We have never had much faith in the Hollywood technique of softening up the beloved object of persistent attentions. It is too, too public, and if there are no guns around, there are always the bands to add drama and music to the dulcet proceedings. No, let's have the quiet, secret huddles by all means. Better risk investments and swallow pride in this way than the way the British are doing.

The trouble about the British is that they don't have any psychology. They like being popular, too, but as they are always unpopular—especially in China—they don't sigh too much, neither do they wring their hands in grief at ingratitude, nor do they yield themselves to crises of confusion. The silly asses just go rolling along. They

Considering all the tales of my reactionary, Old World outlook, and the pain this is said to have caused the President, I am glad the substance and spirit of what came to be called the "Atlantic Charter" was in its first draft a British production cast in my own words.

At our meeting the following morning the President gave me a revised draft, which we took as a basis for discussion. The only serious difference from what I had written was about the fourth point (access to raw materials). The President wished to insert the words "without discrimination and on equal terms." The President also proposed two extra paragraphs.

Sixth, they desire such a peace to establish for all safety on the high seas and oceans. Seventh, they believe that all the nations of the world must be guided in spirit to the abandonment of the use of force. Because no future peace can be maintained if land, sea or air armaments continue to be employed by nations which threaten, or may threaten to use force outside of their frontiers, they believe that the disarmament of such nations is essential. They will further the adoption of all other practicable measures which will lighten for peace-loving peoples the crushing burden of armaments.

Several minor alterations were easily agreed. The chief difficulties were presented by Points 4 and 7, especially the former. With regard to this, I pointed out that the words "without discrimination" might be held to call in question the Ottawa agreements, and I was in no position to accept them. This text would certainly have to be referred to the Government at home, and, if it were desired to maintain the present wording, to the Governments in the Dominions. I should have little hope that it would be accepted.

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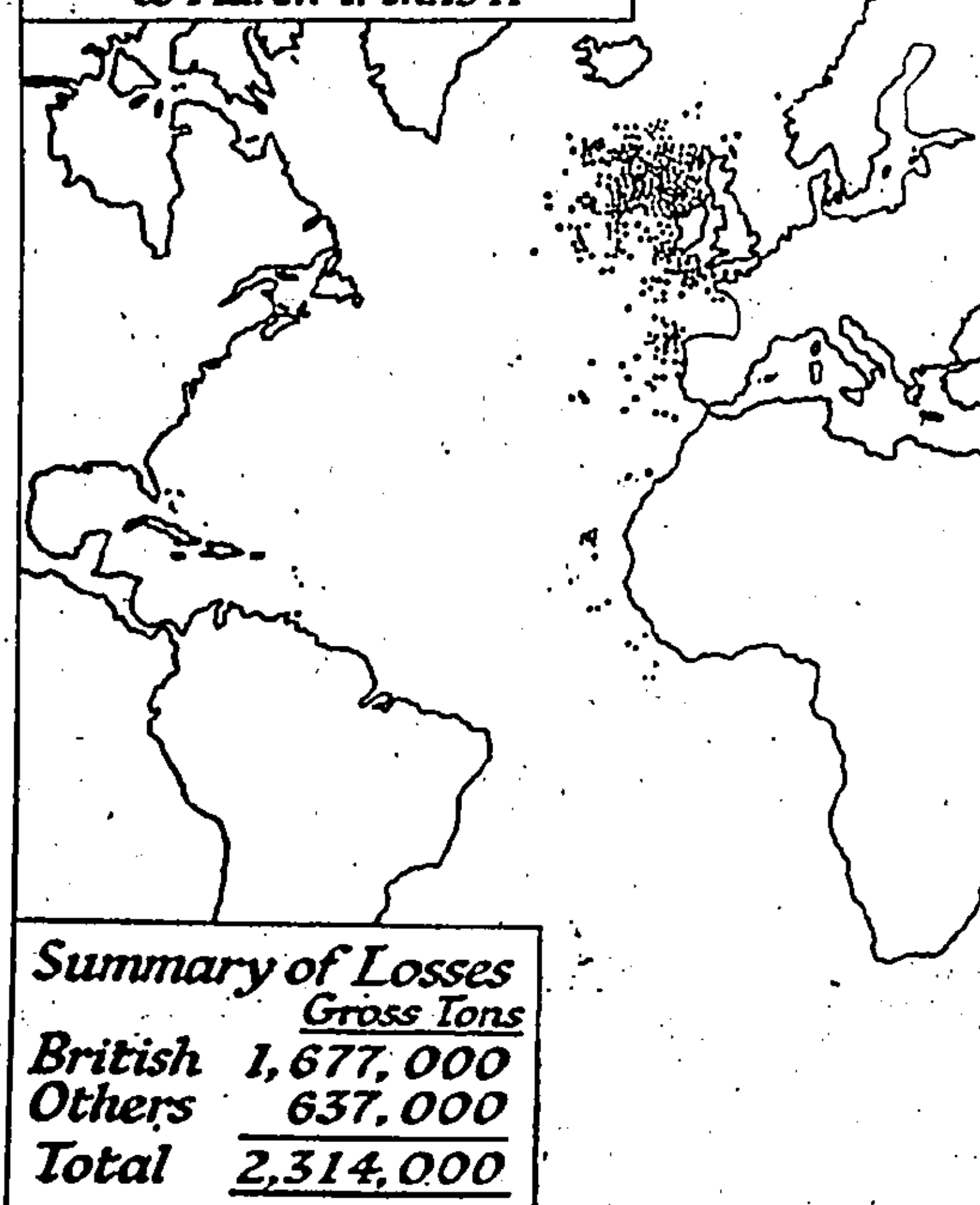
Mr. Sumner Welles indicated that this was the core of the matter, and that this paragraph embodied the ideal for which the State Department had striven for the past nine years. I could not help mentioning the British experience. In adhering to Free Trade for 80 years in the face of ever-mounting American tariffs. We had allowed the fullest im- portations into all our colonies. Even our coastwise traffic around Great Britain was open to the competition of the world. All we had got in reciprocity was successive doses of American Protection.

Mr. Welles seemed to be a little taken back. Then he said that the words "with due respect for their existing obligations" could be inserted, and if the words "without discrimination" could disappear, and "trade" be sub-

produce an Ambassador now and then—and quite frequently in recent years—who seems to be able to captivate the entire ruling group and almost their womenfolk too.

At fairly regular intervals they find all their simple arts and artifices quite vain. They and their fellow-countrymen are called every name in the lexicon of villainy. They are hounded from their homes, murdered, kidnapped, robbed, and insulted. But so long as they can avoid massacre and do business, whether official or commercial, they carry on. They make policy when they must, and talk about it seldom—and then chiefly among themselves. Policy was always bad, anyway. But it didn't matter much—they could make it effective, because what they were doing was what counted most. Of course there are new refinements now. Victory Bonds and the tax-collector, not to speak of the State trader, have taken the place of the stage villain who was really quite a simple fellow.

The best place for contacts, for huddles, for policy guidance, even for idle waiting, is Peking. The next best place is Hankow. There were years, when the Soviet Embassy in Nanking was silent as the grave, and as forgotten. It was there all the same. So it is in Bangkok—quite a large one, too, and quite, quite quiet. There is such a thing as a policy of masterly and even proud inactivity—until China, fearful of being ignored and forgotten too, hastens towards the next round of bliss.

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tic talks, and on August 6 Admiral Nomura, the Japanese Special Envoy in Washington, presented to the State Department a proposal for a general action which would under- take not to advance farther into South East Asia, and offered to evacuate Indo-China on the settlement of "the China incident." (Such was the term by which they described their six-years war with China.) In return the United States were to renew trade relations and help Japan to obtain all the raw materials she required from the South West Pacific.

It was obvious that these were smoothly-worded offers by which Japan would take all she could for the moment and give nothing for the future. No doubt they were the best Konoye could procure from his Cabinet. Around our Conference Table on the August 10th there was no need to argue the broad issues. My telegram sent from the meeting to Mr. Eden gives a full account of the matter.

Unacceptable

Prime Minister to Foreign Secretary.

August 11, '41.
President's idea is to negotiate about these unacceptable conditions and thus procure a moratorium of, say, 30 days in which we may improve our position in Singapore area and the Japanese will have to stand still. But he will make it a condition that the Japanese meanwhile encroach no farther, and do not use Indo-China as a base for attack on China. He will also maintain in full force the economic measures directed against Japan. These negotiations show little chance of succeeding, but President considers that a month gained will be valuable.

I pointed out, of course, that the Japanese would double-cross him and would try to attack China or cut the Burma communications. However, you may take it that they consider it right to begin the negotiations on these lines, and in view of what has passed between United States and Japan it will be necessary to accept this fact. In the course of these negotiations President would renew his proposals for neutralisation of Siam as well as Indo-China. At the end of the Note which the President will hand to the Japanese Ambassador when he returns from his cruise in about a week's time he will add the following passage, which is taken from my draft:

and no movement on the Japanese part and no invasion of Siam—or alternatively they will go on with their military action while lying about it diplomatically.

In this case the conditions indicated by the final passage just quoted would come into play with great force, and the full effect of parallel declarations could be realised. The Soviet Government should also be kept informed.

Summary to Attlee

To Mr. Attlee I sent a comprehensive summary of all the main points under discussion.

It would be most imprudent on our part to raise unnecessary difficulties. We must regard this as an interim and partial statement of war aims designed to assure all countries of our righteous purpose, and not the complete structure which we should build after victory.

You should summon the full War Cabinet, with any others you may think necessary, to meet tonight, and please let me have your views without the slightest delay. Meanwhile full accounts are being sent you immediately on the other points, together with Cadogan's report of the conversation. I fear the President will be very much upset if no Joint Statement can be issued, and grave and vital interests might be affected.

I had only finished dictating the telegrams about 2 p.m., and that I should have had in my hands within the next 12 hours the War Cabinet's most helpful reply reflects credit on all concerned. I subsequently learned that my telegrams had not reached London until after midnight, and that many of the Ministers had already gone to bed. Nevertheless a War Cabinet meeting was summoned for 1.45 a.m., and there was a full attendance, including Mr. Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand, who was in England at the time.

As a result of a full discussion they sent me a telegram just after 4 a.m. welcoming the proposal and suggesting a further version of Point 4 (non-discrimination in world trade), and the insertion of a new paragraph dealing with social security. Meanwhile I had heard that the President had accepted all the amendments I had suggested to him on August 11.

On August 12, about noon, I went to see the President to agree with him the final form of the

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TRUMAN'S WARNING TO U.S. ECONOMIC BLOC

Passage of foreign aid bill deemed necessary CONGRESS DEBATE

Key West, Florida, March 25.

President Truman today warned the Congressional "economic bloc" that sharp cuts in foreign aid spending might precipitate a third World War.

Demanding House of Representatives passage of the "full amount" of Administration requests for \$3,375,000,000 to carry the aid programme forward another year, he said that the United States had to fight World War II because it turned its back on the rest of the world.

'Unpartisan' commission proposed

Washington, March 25. Senator Arthur Vandenberg proposed today that a new "unpartisan" commission be set up to chart Americans next step in the cold war after the Marshall plan ends.

Senator Vandenberg suggested that a "Harriman Commission"—similar to the 19-member group headed by Mr. W. Averell Harriman which surveyed American resources and Europe's needs in 1947—be created to study the possibility of a successor to the Economic Co-operation Administration.

ECA administers the Marshall Plan, designed to build Europe up economically with the help of American funds and strengthen it against Communism.

The Michigan Senator indicated he wants such a future study made on a world-wide basis, including plans to combat Communism in the Far East.

"As we approach the statutory end of ECA in 1952," the Michigan Senator said in a letter to the ECA Administrator, Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, "it would be well for another such commission—equally unpartisan and equally impeccable in character—to resume independent, advisory studies of our new responsibilities as the world's largest creditor nation and the world's spearhead in the quest of dependable peace."

The Harriman Commission was made up of industrial, labour and economic leaders picked by President Harry Truman without reference to party affiliation. Mr. Harriman, the Secretary of Commerce, now is ECA's roving Ambassador in Europe.

The Vandenberg proposal for a new commission, was the first concrete suggestion of its kind to come from Congress, busy now determining how much money will be authorised for ECA spending in Europe for the year beginning next July 1, the third year of the four year Marshall Plan.—Associated Press.

U.S. TELEVISION RADIO SALES

Washington, March 25. Americans bought 14,504,000 radio and television sets last year to boost the total in use to 88,964,000 a fraction over a half a set per person throughout the United States.—Associated Press.

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Terrorists hold up bus in Johore state

Singapore, March 25. Terrorists, wearing jungle green and armed with Sten guns, killed one passenger and injured three more in a motor bus they held up in Johore state yesterday. It was announced here today.

They robbed the passengers and then set the bus on fire. Two rubber tappers were injured when their motor trolley was ambushed near Kuala Lumpur today.

Terrorists were also reported to have burned down workmen's living quarters on two Johore estates.—Reuter.

Internal crisis in Vietnam

Saigon, March 25. The Minister of Defence and two Cabinet Under-Secretaries resigned from the Indo-Chinese government today, protesting that the Premier, Nguyen Phan Long, was too much influenced by ultra nationalists in his Cabinet.

The Cabinet members who resigned were Pham Huy Quat, Minister of National Defence, Le Thanh, Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, and Nguyen Ton Hoang, Under-Secretary for Youth and Sports Affairs.

In a letter of resignation to the Premier Nguyen Phan Long, they said "the present government does not have the confidence of the people and is not following the policies of Bao Dai, Bao Dai is the French-backed Chief of State who is trying to rally the Indo-Chinese people into a state which will be part of the French Union."

The country has been torn for two years by a civil war led by Moscow-trained Ho Chi-minh, whose rebel government has been recognised by Russia.

The letter also criticised the obscure policies of the government and said that since the government does not have the confidence of the people, it cannot gain international confidence.

This letter seemed to be in line with criticism which has been frequently voiced recently in Saigon that the Premier, by failing to follow a strong course, is playing into the hands of the ultra-nationalists.—Associated Press.

Acheson's seven-points a flop

New York, March 25. The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson's seven points failed to bring Communist and Western powers closer together. Ten days after he advanced them, most of the world showed reluctant acceptance of a deepening stalemate.

Mr. Acheson set forth his seven points in a San Francisco speech and challenged the Soviet Union to accept them as a step toward ending the cold war. Russia made no formal reply. But the Moscow press castigated Mr. Acheson as a simpleton and a liar. It was clear his proposals were not acceptable.

Mr. Acheson did not expect Moscow to accept. Neither did most officials and newspapers throughout the world, an Associated Press survey of major non-Communist capitals disclosed.

The world's views ranged between extremes expressed by the London "Times," which called the speech a major statement on behalf of the American administration, and the India "News Chronicle" which saw it as a mere piece of cold war propaganda.

Obstructionism. Mr. Acheson had told Moscow to end obstructionist tactics in the UN, stop using force on Soviet satellites, halt efforts to undermine other countries through international Communism, rip back the iron curtain.

The Associated Press survey found an almost unanimous opinion that it was hopeless to expect Russia to agree to such proposals.

In Britain, the Foreign Office said Mr. Acheson's aims are desirable, but there is scant hope they will be achieved soon. Britain feels the U. S. must join her in augmenting non-Communist power, particularly in South East Asia, if it wants to see Communism end. The London "Times" said Mr. Acheson's speech was the most cogent and powerful of the speeches which he had lately made on the dangers threatening the rich countries of South East Asia.—Associated Press.

Two British names were mentioned by informed sources here.

Field Marshal Viscount Alexander and Lord Zetland, Marshal of the Royal Air Force.—Associated Press.

NEW MOVE TO UNSEAT KMT AT U.N. LIKELY

Lake Success, March 25.

A United Nations group with a majority of countries which recognise the Communist regime in China will convene here on Monday with prospects that a new move may be made to unseat the Nationalist delegate.

The 15-nation Transport and Communications Commission, a technical group, meeting on Monday for its fourth session, includes eight countries recognising Communist China—India, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, the Soviet Union, Britain and Pakistan.

The other seven countries represented are Chile, Egypt, France, the United States, the Netherlands, Venezuela and Nationalist China.

If the usual pattern is followed the Soviet Union may present a formal resolution asking for the expulsion of the Nationalist delegate. In all previous cases, the Soviet proposal has failed to receive majority support.

There have been rumours that Russia, whose delegate, Dr. Jacob Malik, walked out of the Security Council on January 13 because a Chinese Nationalist was present, had no intention of returning to the United Nations even if the Chinese representation question were settled.

General feeling

But these have now given way to a general feeling that Russia wants to confer on all outstanding United Nations issues between East and West.

The United Nations cannot tackle any important political issue unless and until the Russians return.

The United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie's declaration this week that settlement of the United Nations deadlock about Chinese representation was "urgent and imperative" before the General Assembly met in September was seen by observers here as a warning that the world organisation might collapse if the problem were not solved by then.

A United States decision in favour of seating a Chinese Communist delegate is ruled out because of domestic political repercussions. But some United Nations observers believe that the United States could give "neutral" members a hint to vote Communist representation.

Britain, it is known, is continuing her efforts to get the "neutral" Security Council members to support the seating of the Communist representative without their prior recognition of the Peking regime.—Reuter.

Marseilles seamen on strike

Paris, March 25.

Lightning strike action by seamen in Marseilles, the biggest French port, today halted eight ships and stranded 2,250 passengers bound for North Africa and Corsica.

The men joined a Communist-led "warning strike" for 24 hours against the arrival of American arms in France.

The Communist-led General Confederation of Labour has called a 24-hour dock strike for tomorrow as part of the "no American arms" campaign, but non-Communist workers have indicated that they will not support the strike.

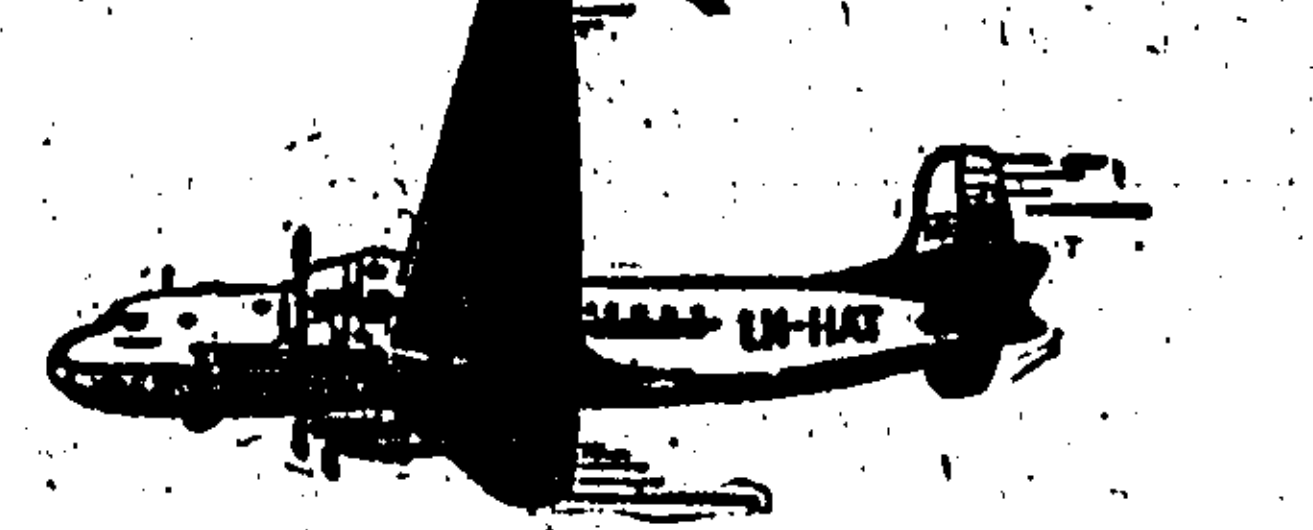
The 16-day gas and electricity strike—which hit Paris hardest—ended today, but high tension cables were cut in sabotage operations at Nantes and Lille, bringing sudden black-outs to these provincial towns.

A poultry farmer, M. Henri Montoux, claiming that repeated power cuts had lost him thousands of chicks from his electric incubators at St. Aignan, Western France, filed suit against "an unknown person" for 600,000 francs.

Workers drifted back to their jobs in the steel, building, and coal industries, but 135,000 workers were estimated to be still out.

The staff of the five French national theatres, who have been out for more money for three weeks, learned today that their contracts had been ended.—Reuter.

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Important defence talks for the West

London, March 25.

The West's chief planners of cold war political and battle strategy have begun to sharpen the teeth of their North Atlantic defence pact.

Until now, the alliance of a dozen nations, backed by the United States, has been largely a paper alliance. Its main achievement has been the simple fact of agreement on arming jointly against any aggressor.

But who is going to make the guns, tanks, ships, shells and planes?

Who is going to pay for them? Who is going to use them? Who is going to command them? How will aggression be met?

These are some of the questions being discussed at talks this week and next. The talks are being held in London and at the Hague. Among American officials cross-

ERP cabinet meets to discuss plans

Paris, March 25.

The Ministers of eight Recovery Programme nations, meeting here today as West Europe's "Economic Cabinet" discussed plans for closer links between the Marshall Plan Organisation and the Council of Europe.

The Ministers, forming the consultative group of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, agreed that every-thing possible should be done to strengthen these relations, the Secretary-General, M. Robert Marjolin (France) stated.

But they decided to leave the initiative to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, meeting next week a few days before the OEEC's Governing Council in the structure of the Marshall Plan Organisation was a matter for the Governing Council to discuss, the delegates decided.

Present at today's meeting were the Chairman, M. Paul Van Zeeland (Belgium), M. Robert Schuman (France), Dr. Dirk Stikker (Holland), M. Hjalmar Lange (Norway), Professor João Costa Leite (Luzerne), (Portugal), Elton Joseph Folla (Italy), M. George Mandeville (Greece), Mr. Hugh Gallowell (Britain) and M. Marjolin.—Reuter.

ing the Atlantic to help put an edge on the defence teeth are General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Secretary of War, Mr. Louis Johnson.

Near East tour

Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, aid-minded Chief of Naval Operations, is conferring with American military and naval commanders in Britain, Germany and France. General J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, is touring the Mediterranean and the Near East.

Readiness for gearing up the alliance was indicated by the arrival in Britain this week of some Superfortress bombers—planes big enough to carry atom bombs. They were the vanguard of 70 to 80 Superforts allotted the British under the United States billion dollar military aid programme.

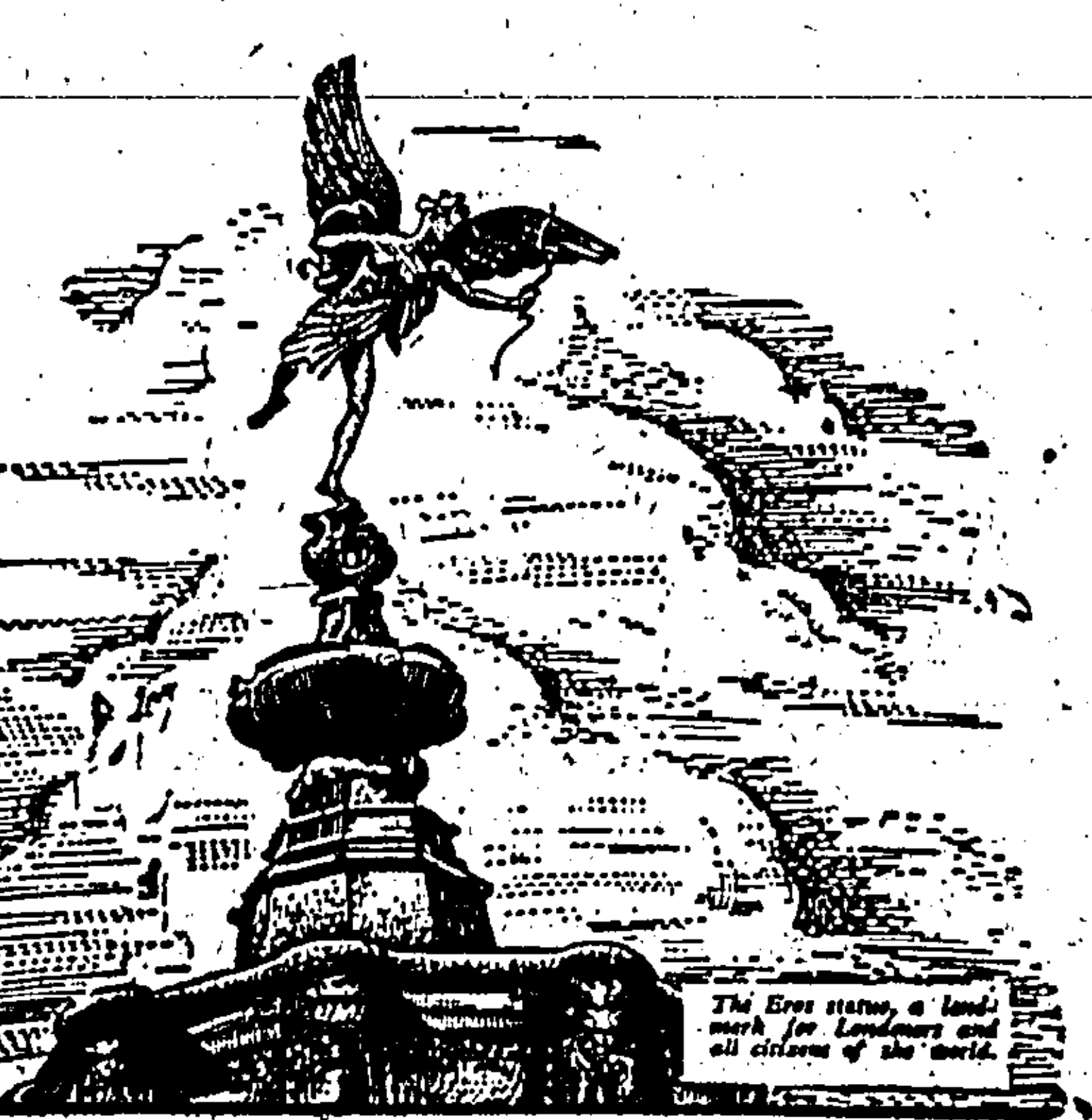
A French aircraft carrier is at sea, carrying the first arms aid cargo of U.S. warplanes to France. Further, the Council of Europe, seeking political unity on the continent, is ready to meet. Experts are sitting in Paris to figure out ways of uniting the foreign exchange settlements of Western European nations.

Simple Premise

The economic and military programmes are dovetailed on the simple premise that defences are no good unless they can be supported by their own economies.

When the flurry of early spring conferences is over, the big three Western Foreign Ministers will meet to take stock. They are the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Robert Schuman and the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson. "Diplomatic guessers say they will meet in the latter part of April or early in May."

Almost certainly the overall strategy for military defence will be settled within the next week. An Atlantic pact military commander in chief may even have



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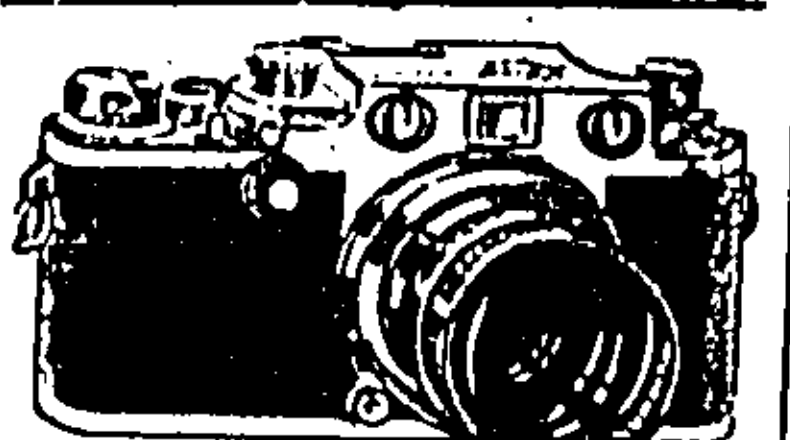
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A day of warm spring sunshine, brought Parisians out of their homes, and set these youngsters at play on their roller-skates near the French capital's famed Eiffel Tower.—AP Photo.

STAMP NEWS

By "TETE-BECHE"

According to latest advice from London, Stanley Gibbons are to issue a 1950 British Empire catalogue which they hope to have ready in May. This will include King George the Sixth stamps right up to date. The price is 13/6 plus postage. I wonder if this means the end of a separate King George the Sixth Catalogue?

Judging by recent advertisements I have read in stamp journals, dealers at home are "boosting" pre-King George the Sixth issues. One dealer even goes so far as to refer to them as real stamps issued before the days of the "ramp", whatever that may mean.

One reason I suspect is the varieties of perforations which have been suddenly appearing in various numbers, thus encouraging "cornering" by those fortunate enough to be in the know. There is no doubt, however, that collectors of King George the Sixth stamps are on the increase.

What has happened to the G.B. overprints of the U.P.U. issue in used condition? Many of my friends who take New issues regularly have not received them yet. It is reported that used sets from Tangier and Bahrain received by London dealers have been ruined by deliberate heavy cancellation.

And while on the subject of the U.P.U. issues, have you seen the latest quotations for Aden and Aden States? London dealers are asking 15/- for each set either mint or used. There appears to be no reason for this sudden "jump", unless stocks were "cornered" in Aden.

New HK stamps

New printings of Hong Kong stamps have appeared with no change in perfor or colour, except the 30 cents value which is a bright blue, almost ultramarine.

According to the Crown Agents bulletin, orders have been placed for a further printing of the following Hong Kong values:—

2, 5, 20, and 30 cents. \$1, \$2, \$5, and \$10.

Orders have also been placed by Sierra Leone for an air-letter form with the 9d. current stamp printed in the design. The new Barbados set is expected to be out by May 1950.

In a recent supplement of Gibbons catalogue, the Mauritius rare pairs (15 x 14) of King George the Sixth, in used condition, are priced at 55s. The Kings Head New Zealand watermarks are also reprinted. The shilling value, watermark sideways, (S.G. 680) has risen to £1, and the 2s. value, watermark upright (S.G. 688a) is now 30s. Both in mint condition of course. The demand for these stamps in New Zealand is very great.

With reference to my recent remarks about the 2s. and 5s. Bermuda values which appeared in new perforation, I now understand that a large supply of printings went to Bermuda, but even then, no doubt, they will be sold out, and find their way back to London.

The "Silver Jubilee" in mint condition are coming down in value quite steadily. I note that a recent auction held in London, the set was knocked down for £28.

The Hong Kong Philatelic Society is holding its Annual General Meeting in the Jacobson Room of the Hong Kong Hotel at 8.30 p.m. on Friday, March 31, for the purpose of presenting a Statement of Accounts for the past year, and to elect Officers for the coming year.

Britain's Royal Family, usually exempt from ridicule, was lampooned by the Communist "Daily Worker" today in connection with the case of the exiled African chief, Seretse Khama.

The paper printed a cartoon showing a woman at a dressing table and a man wearing a tartan dinner jacket in a room labelled " Buckingham Palace boudoir." The man is holding a newspaper headlined "Seretse Would Not Make A Good Ruler, Says White Paper." The man is asking his wife: "Do you think we ought to ask for proficiency pay, dear?"—United Press.

PROBLEM OF JAPAN'S GROWING POPULATION

New York, March 25.

Juitsu Kitagawa, director of Japan's Birth Control Propagation Association, declared yesterday that Japan must stabilise its expanding population or starve.

He added in a Press conference at the Margaret Sanger Research Bureau that he doubted if Japan would again launch an aggressive war to seek an outlet for its teeming millions, but cautioned hunger would bring extreme unrest which might develop into civil war and further complicate the already unstable conditions in the Far East.

Kitagawa, who also is professor at Kokugaijin University, is in the United States under the sponsorship of the United States Children Bureau to study American youth organisations.

He said he must complete three weeks' work with government groups in Washington and he will next study the work of Four H Club activities among rural American youth.

However, his news conference yesterday was primarily concerned with birth control. Kitagawa termed suggestions that the surplus Japanese population migrate to other Asiatic countries impractical dreams. He said even if those countries were willing to accept Japanese in large numbers—which they are not—Japan's present birth rate and decreasing death rate would more than replace those who left.

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He said, for instance, the readmission of Japan to world trade, while necessary if the nation is to become self-suffi-

cient, will not achieve this goal unless the population is stabilised. He said Japan must solve its own problem of population, and added that government action is required.

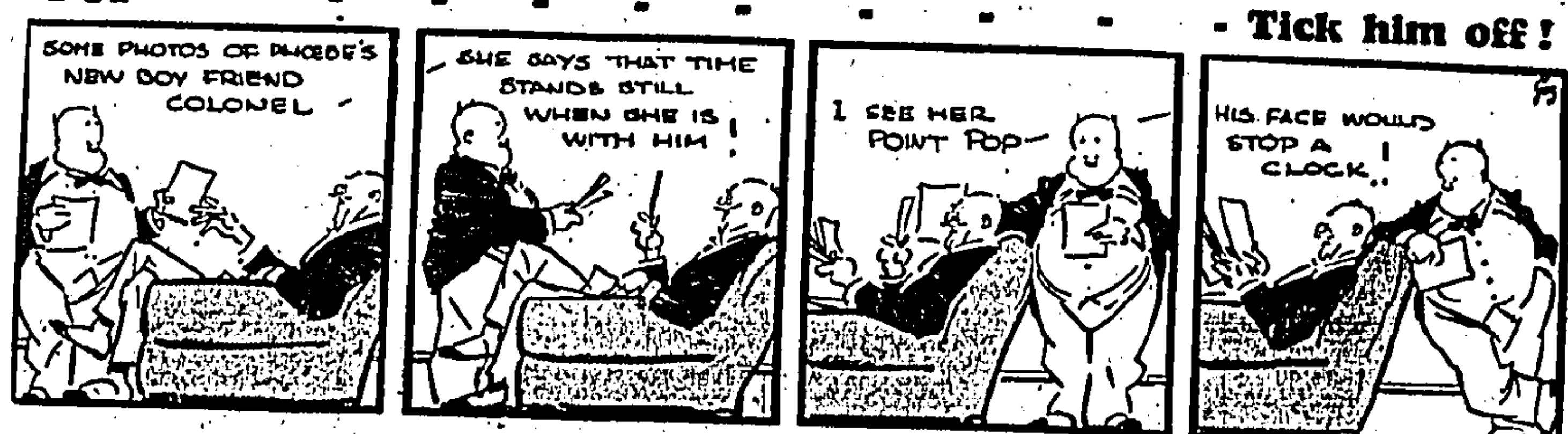
Two measures he suggested to discourage large families: first, discontinue family allowances based on the number of children; and, secondly, impose a tax on each child a family produces after the first three are born.

He said with such a programme the government could stabilise the population within two to three years. But he frankly admitted he doubted such a programme could be put into effect in the near future.

He said birth control was not popular with the Japanese because, first, they still hold to the traditional belief that the more people the stronger the nation; secondly, birth control techniques are unpopular; and thirdly, Japanese like children.

Kitagawa summed up the attitude of Japanese toward birth control by a remark his daughter made to him. He was to speak to the school she was attending and asked her if she thought he should talk on birth control. She replied: "If you do, I will quit school. Never mention birth control in public."—United Press.

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8.45—A Programme for Women.
9.00—Morning Music.
9.15—Vocalists and Keyboard.
10.00—Music For All.
11.30—Parade of Rhythm.
P.M.
12.00—H.K. Stock Exchange.
12.10—BBC School Broadcast.
12.30—Band Call.
1.00—Piano.
1.15—News.
1.30—Orchestral Concert.
2.00—Afternoon Musicale.
4.00—Bim Bryant and His Wildcats.
4.15—Today's Choice.
4.30—Vocalists and Keyboard.
5.00—Music Maker.
5.15—Children's Corner.
5.30—Harmony Hall.
5.45—Radio Headliners.
6.00—Rediffusion Request Programme.
6.30—The Jumpin' Jacks.
6.45—Do You Remember?
7.00—BBC News.
7.15—Local News.
7.30—Candlelight and Silver.
8.00—"Romantic Circle".
8.15—Sammy Kaye's Orchestra.
8.30—Allen Roth's Symphony of Melody.
9.00—BBC News.
9.15—Local News.
9.30—Sing Sing.
9.45—The King's Theatre Quiz Programme.
10.00—Music and Moonlight.
10.15—"Variety Handbells".
11.15—BBC Midland Light Orchestra.
11.45—Stardust.
12.00—Close Down.

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INCREASING BUSINESS IN APRIL, MAY FORECAST IN AMERICA

New York Stock Exchange

New York, March 25. Radio television stocks rule the crest of another buying surge today with Benguet Mining active. Heavy demand lifted television issues one to more than four points. Earlier this year, television stocks turned in a sparkling performance as they raced ahead of the market day after day.

Buying was based largely on excellent production and earnings reports from television producers plus predictions of large-scale public purchases for some time to come.

Zenith radio jumped more than four points. Up one or more were Admiral Corporation, Emerson Radio, Philco and Motorola.

Fractionally ahead were Magnavox and Radio Corporation. Sixth most active stock was Benguet Mining with 15,800 shares sold at 1-3/4. There was no change in its price.

Highly specialized interest developed elsewhere in the market. Run of the mill stocks, though, moved in lazy fashion, mostly in fractional territory.

The three preferred issues of American and foreign power attracted support, along with Standard Gas and Electric four dollar preferred, Mullins Manufacturing, Missouri Kansas and Texas preferred, Superior Oil of California, Chrysler, Douglas Aircraft, American Telephone and Telegraph, Allied Chemical New York Central and U.S. Gypsum.

A bit backward were U.S. Rubber, International Harvester Southern California Edison, Air Reduction, Dow Chemical, Philip Morris, Chesapeake and Ohio Standard Oil of New Jersey and Gulf Oil.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 75.56; 20 Industrials 210.00; 15 Rails 65.00; 10 Utilities 43.37.

Closing quotations:

Adams Express 2 3/4	Smelting 5 1/4
Alaska Juneau 3	Telephone 155 3/4
American Can 11 3/4	Tobacco 7 3/4
" Smelting 5 1/4	Waterworks 1 1/4
Aviation Corp. 7	Anacosta Copper 28 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive 10	Aviation Corp. 7
Barrisford 50 1/4	Bendix Aviation 43
Bethlehem Steel 35	Boeing Aircraft 27 1/2
Borden Co. 5 1/4	Canadian Pacific 15
Case 30 3/4	J. I. Case 30 3/4
Chrysler 67 1/2	Colgate 40
Commercial Solvent 10 3/4	Corn Products 7 1/2
Du Pont 88 1/2	Eastman Kodak 46 1/2
General Electric 47 1/2	Motors 77 1/2
Goodrich 84 1/2	Goodyear 51 1/2
Homestead Mining 45	International Harvester 20 3/4
International Paper 30 3/4	" Paper 30 3/4
" Tel. & Tel. 12	Johns Manville 48 1/2
Kennecott Copper 50 1/2	Montgomery Ward 57
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New York Central 13 1/4	Packard Motors 3 1/4
Pan American Airways 0 7/8	Pennsylvania 17 1/2
Pennsylvania 17 1/2	Radio Corp. 15 1/2
Remington Rand 14 1/2	Republic Steel 28 1/2
Reynolds Tobacco 38 1/2	Schenley 30 1/2
Sears Roebuck 44 1/2	Shell Oil 39 1/2
Socony Vacuum 17 1/2	Southern Pacific 52 1/2
Standard Brands 24	" Oil of Calif. 67 1/2
" Oil of N. J. 70 1/2	Studebaker 30 1/2
Union Bag 20 1/2	" Carbide 45
US Rubber 42 1/2	" Steel 32 1/2
" Lines 16 1/2	Westinghouse 34 1/2
Youngstown Sheet & Tube 53 1/2	Gen. Pub. Utilities 17 1/2

The bond market steered a relatively steady course in the brief Saturday session—Associated Press.

Price reduction for food in Eastern Berlin

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The new price reduction is expected to halt the steady drop of the Soviet-controlled East-mark on West Berlin's free exchange market. Today's exchange rate was 8.10 East-marks for one West-mark—Reuter.

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Tickets will be sold at 150 Taiwan dollars and divided into 10 units of 15 each—Associated Press.

New York, March 25. "Good and increasing business through April and May" was forecast today by a majority of industrial buyers surveyed by the National Association of Purchasing Agents.

The Association's Business Survey Committee in its monthly report said at the end of the year buyers were hesitant about forecasting business conditions beyond the first quarter.

But after taking another look at the first quarter of this year, the report said, purchasing agents predicted good business through May, "possibly leveling off in June, a somewhat more than seasonal decline in July." And, it added, "a few expect fair business well into the third quarter."

The Purchasing Agents reported March business was better than February's and very close to the high record set in January.

"The recovery from the slowing effects of the coal strike has been rapid and is expected to continue to accelerate over the next few months," the report said. It declared no great damage was done to general business by the strike as "coal began to move just as the shortage started really to hurt."

New orders in March exceeded those in December and February and were only a little below January, said the Purchasing Agents, and "the increase in production was slightly higher than that pattern."

"Commodity prices are tending slightly upward, with an inclination to level apparent," the report continued. "Inventories are almost static, though some tendency to build up is reported. Employment has rebounded to the January level."—Associated Press.

Malayan trade union council

Kuala Lumpur, March 25. The All Malaya Trade Union delegates conference today unanimously voted for the formation of a Malayan Trade Union Council.

This central organisation will be on the lines of the British Trade Union Congress.

The new organisation will be the first central body for trade unions in Malaya since the Pan-Malayan Federation of Trade Unions claiming a membership of 149,000 was outlawed in June, 1948. The decision to set it up was taken in a secret session in a hall strongly guarded by armed police.

The Communists who led the old Federation were known to be opposed to the move.

Tomorrow, the conference will consider 22 resolutions, including one demanding more positive measures to get organised on war footing, conscription and martial law, if necessary to bring on an early end to the Malaya fighting—Reuter.

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Soviet trade mission back from Peking

Warsaw, March 25. The Soviet trade delegation which has spent two months negotiating commercial exchanges with Communist China, has returned after concluding various individual contracts, the Polish press agency reported tonight.

China will export soybeans, tobacco, wolfram and furs. Poland will send textiles, metal products, technical equipment and chemicals.

In addition, a short-term agreement was signed between the two Ministers of Foreign Trade pending the conclusion of a regular trade agreement to be negotiated in the near future, the agency added—Reuter.

Finals of Badminton Championships

With the exception of one more semi-final, the Colony Badminton Championships which started on February 10, have now reached the final stages in all the 10 events.

The Finals have been fixed to be played off today, Wednesday, March 29 and Thursday, April 1.

The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, who is Patron of the Badminton Association, will be present at the last night's session. Lady Grantham has graciously consented to present the prizes at the end of the night's games.

The following is the full programme of the Finals:

Today

At Club de Recoelo

8.00 p.m. Schoolboys' Doubles

Final: B. Saw (Asia College) and K. Y. Tso (St. Paul's) v. J. Pomeroi Jr. and F. Allaye (La Salle)

8.30 p.m. Ladies' Singles Finals

Miss U. Khoo (Ch. YMCA) v. Miss M. Ribeiro (Recoelo)

9.00 p.m. Junior Mixed Doubles

Semi-final: A. D. Brown (St. Theresa's) and Mrs. M. Hozzrie (Recoelo) v. J. A. Soares and Mrs. Soares (St. Theresa's)

9.30 p.m. Senior Men's Singles

Final: C. K. Lee (Ch. YMCA) v. Robert Tay (Ch. YMCA)

Wednesday, March 29

At Club de Recoelo

8.00 p.m. Junior Men's Singles

Final: J. A. Soares (St. Theresa's) and K. Y. Tso (St. Paul's) v. J. Pomeroi Jr. and F. Allaye (La Salle)

8.30 p.m. Junior Men's Doubles

Final: S. F. Lam and S. K. Cheong (University) v. A. Ho and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)

9.00 p.m. Senior Mixed Doubles

Final: Robert Tay (Ch. YMCA) and Miss M. Ribeiro (Recoelo) v. E. H. Wong and Helen Kwong (Ch. YMCA)

Thursday, April 6

7.30 p.m. Schoolboys' Singles

Final: B. Saw (Asia College) v. K. Y. Tso (St. Paul's)

8.00 p.m. Junior Mixed Doubles

Final: W. C. Chung and Mrs. Chung (Ch. YMCA) v. J. A. Soares and Mrs. Soares (St. Theresa's) or A. D. Brown (St. Theresa's) and Mrs. M. Hozzrie (Recoelo)

8.30 p.m. Ladies' Doubles Final

Mrs. H. F. Gonsalves and Miss M. Xavier (Recoelo) v. Mrs. L. F. Stokes and Mrs. A. Tamworth (Shalland)

9.00 p.m. Senior Men's Doubles

Final: P. H. Wong and Robert Tay (Ch. YMCA) v. C. K. Lee and W. F. Foo (Ch. YMCA)

In addition to the Championship finals, the final replay for the Junior Mixed Doubles League title between Chinese YMCA and St. Theresa's will be played off at Recoelo tomorrow starting at 7.30 p.m.

This will be the last League title to be decided.

The other four have already been completed and resulted as follows: Men's Senior Doubles Division: Chinese YMCA; Senior Mixed Doubles Division: Chinese YMCA; Men's Junior Doubles Division: Chinese YMCA; Men's Doubles "C" Division: University.

EXHIBITION BASEBALL

New York, March 25. Exhibition baseball results:

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Philadelphia, National 7 Boston, National 6.

St. Louis, National 5 Cincinnati, National 9.

Detroit, American 5 New York, American 7.

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End of an era?

"The era of the 'walla walla' or water taxi seems to be nearing its end."

Some time this week at Shau-kiwan a streamlined pleasure cruiser type "water taxi" will make its debut in the harbour. It is one of 25 up-to-date motor boats which will begin service mid-April.

In the opinion of certain authoritative waterfront sources this post-war innovation in cross-harbour transport will set the precedence in the utilisation of more modern craft.

How "walla walla" came to HK.

The source, of course, is some thousand miles West—the Suez Canal. The word is Anglo-Indian. "Oxford" calls a craft built for voyage by the Suez Canal, canal walla.

It came to Hong Kong nearly three decades ago, according to several "old timers."

It all began, so one story goes, when a certain "harbour runner," identified as one Nigel in the employment of an American tailor by the name of Shok, with his establishment at the present site of the entrance of the Hong Kong (left), started collecting funds to operate a motor boat to compete with the sampans, then the only means of cross-harbour transportation.

The enterprising businessman called it a "walla walla" or water taxi.

The scheme however fizzled out. But the name stuck when later some Chinese merchants pooled their resources and formed a motor boat service.

(A harbour runner, according to our informants, was a sort of an advertising agent who went round collecting orders for his firm aboard ships in port.)

"Dine and dance" to Macao.

This will soon be a catch-word along the "Praya," and it won't be very long.

For while the birth of a new era for modern cross-harbour transport is in the making, the race among river steamers for the best word in comfort and entertainment is increasing in pace.

Two vessels—the Tak Shing and Tai Loy—equipped with up-to-date amenities and navigational aids for safe travelling, are due to join the fleet and only "floating amusement centre" now in operation, the mv. Lee Hong, within the coming two months.

The HK\$5,000,000 motor vessel Tai Loy—the first steel river ship built in Hong Kong—will be ready for service before the end of May. The HK\$2,000,000 steamer Tak Shing—formerly the fire-fighting tug—now undergoing refitting at Kowloon Docks—is due to join the service by mid-April.

The Lee Hong—many will remember her as the Miss Orient "mild" by subversive elements just outside Canton early last year—was the first river vessel to be equipped with such luxuries. A passenger can dine and dance aboard until he reaches his destination.

They have the last word...

All the three "floating fortunes" have similar outstanding features. Take for example the new motor vessel Tai Loy, launched not long ago, which according to blue-prints seems to be the most luxurious of the "de luxe" fleet.

The 700-ton motorship, capable of accommodating 1,000 persons in comfort for the short trip to Macao, has among her list of highlights:

Air-conditioned cabins, lounges and dining rooms; movie entertainment facilities; intra-ship telephone communication system; and a spacious dance floor.



A sign of the times—the current boom in ship repair business in Hong Kong. Seen here are some of the ships undergoing repairs and overhauling at the Wing On Shipyard, Cheung Sha Wan. Visible (right to left) are the mv. Kwai Hai, mv. Tai Loy, ss. Edith Moller, ss. Kwong Pook Cheung, ss. Hobbs and ss. Wen Hing. They are among the first lot accepted. Many more are already booked for servicing. The influx into local docks began late last month. The boom was predicted earlier in the month by certain authoritative shipbuilding sources who disclosed then that local shipyards had been deluged with inquiries for space. The business has reached peak level since the liberation. The boom is only in its initial stages. "Feet" for repairs and overhauling work are still trickling in as fast. (China Mail Photo).

"Pleasure Cruisers" for cross-harbour traffic

By the middle of April, Hong Kong will see another innovation in Victoria Harbour when the first eight of 25 streamlined "pleasure cruiser" type of motor boats join the fleet of cross-harbour craft.

This will mark the first phase of a million-dollar project undertaken by a group of overseas Chinese whose primary motive is to help alleviate the current cross-harbour traffic problem—shortage of transport.

The eight sleek white motor boats will be launched this week at Shaukiwan. They will undergo a series of tests in speed and general operation.

The organisation is a limited company, with a capital of HK\$1,000,000. The man who heads this mammoth scheme is Hong Kong-born Lam Wing-keo, a veteran master mariner who is a popular figure among the waterfront community, will supervise traffic operations of the 25-boat fleet.

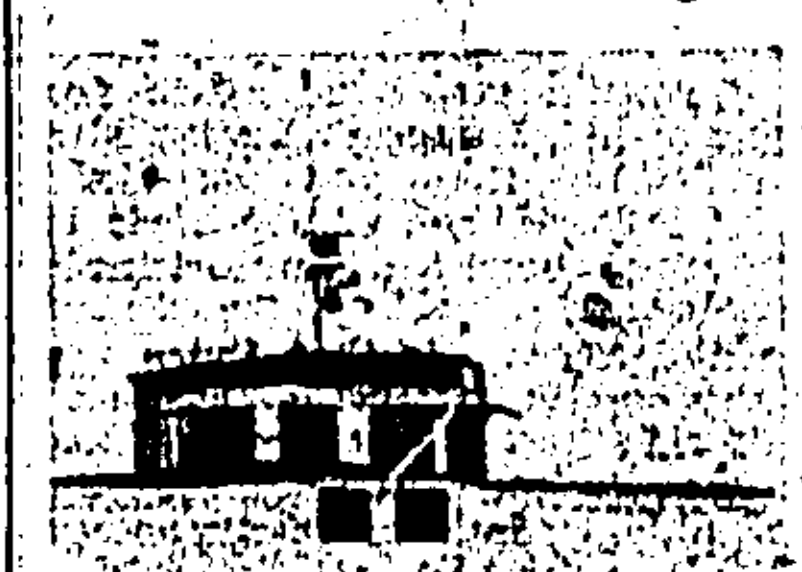
To maintain its own fleet the Nanyang Motor Boat Company operates its own slipway at Lai-chi-ko. The slipway will also be open to the public for repairs and maintenance work.

Day-night service

The "Lucky" fleet will shuttle passengers from eight points on the Island and three points on the Mainland. They will serve the public on a 24-hour schedule. Permission is under consideration to run the new motor boats on the ferry lanes between Hong Kong and Kowloon when the ferry systems close for the day.

The "Lucky" motor boat is unique in that it is the first type

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of its kind in local waters to be used commercially. With the appearance of a pleasure cruiser—many of this type are owned by private individuals—the "Lucky" craft is equipped with a spacious cabin to accommodate eight passengers comfortably on rubberised cushions, a lavatory with flushed water-closet, a wash basin and mirror and electric lights. It is made of selected teak and yankal, and runs on diesel engine.

In the summer months, passengers can choose the stern open-air deck, which has a sliding awning for protection against the elements.

Several up-to-date amenities and navigational aids are included.

Hong Kong capital for Sino-Jap Shipping Co.

The formation of a Sino-Japanese shipping company with Hong Kong capital and Japanese ships, equipment and facilities is in the making.

Negotiations are under way between Chinese financial interests in the Colony and Nagasaki shipping interests to organise the company—the first since the war.

A Chinese firm in Hong Kong would supply the necessary capital while the Japanese contribute ships, equipment and facilities, it was reliably learned.

If an agreement is reached, an application will be made to SCAP for permission to start work.

Meanwhile, it is learned that diplomatic action is under way to enable Japanese merchantmen to re-enter international competition in the near future.

Japanese ships have already obtained "blanket" clearance for ports of India, Siam, Burma and the Philippines, in addition to certain specific shipments to Korea, Taiwan and the Persian Gulf.

This development in post-war Japanese shipping, however, only provides business for about half of the nation's total tonnage.

Beginning April, another 700,000 tons of bottom will be returned to private operation, which, according to authoritative

ed in the blue-prints. But for the time being these will not be incorporated. The craft measures 28 feet long with a beam of eight feet.

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Eastern Road, Causeway Bay (near Romy Theatre), Queen's Street, North Point Wharf, Douglas Street and Stewart Road. From Kowloon, they will operate from Public Square Street, Fenwick Street and Jordan Road Wharf.

The Nanyang Motor Boat Company will have a floating personnel of 75 to man the vessels, besides a shore staff of about 250.

sources, will likely be idle unless some expansion programme is launched to provide work for them.

The clearance issued to the vessels flying the "Rising Sun" is either on a government-to-government trade basis or on certain trade agreement reached at between the authorities.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

S.S. "TAIPING"

Arrived March 23, 1950.

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf from 10 a.m. on the 28th and 29th March 1950 and consignees representatives are requested to be present during the survey.

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Arrived March 23, 1950.

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"BENWYVIL"	"	8th May
"BENCLEUCH"	"	11th May

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